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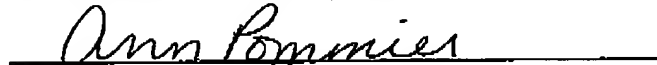
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SPECIAL PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant:** Karlovac**Serial No.:** 09/689,178**Filing Date:** October 11, 2000**Title:** METHOD FOR SYSTEM-
CONSTRAINT-BASED SELECTION
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2003. The original time for response was set to expire March 30, 2003.

Should any additional fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or to credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference #20528-13).

Respectfully submitted, .

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed 30 December 2003, please accept the following amendments and arguments.